

# Movie Cooking School Shows for Last Time Here Friday at 2 p. m.

"The best things in life are free!" And so The Herald's free fascinating and different Cooking School proved yesterday afternoon when it was presented from the screen at the Torrance theatre. A large crowd of women—and several men, too—thoroughly enjoyed the "premiere." The absorbing educational film is being shown this afternoon and may be seen tomorrow (Friday) afternoon for the last time, at 2 o'clock.

No opening bells were needed yesterday and today for the eagerly-awaited school, which brings with novelty, romance and practical appeal. "The Bride Wakes Up" is no ordinary film. It was cast, directed and filmed in Hollywood but it was assembled thoughtfully and patiently to bring more than passing amusement.

Every-day happenings have been dramatized in the sound plot. Behind sparkling humor and suspense, so necessary to screen stories, is a deliberate plan—a determination to carry instruction, inspiration and worth while home news to all women. Never has the camera been more faithful than in this motion picture Cooking School. Never has a model kitchen been portrayed so accurately and in such detail.

Free Gifts and Recipes The camera takes its time and it took many close-ups so that every person in the Torrance theatre has a "large as life and twice as natural" view of each operation. All attending the Cooking School—and don't miss the final showing tomorrow if you haven't seen it yet!—has an equal chance to peer into the busy mixing bowl, watch the deft steps of measuring, creaming, sifting and thorough mixing—not overlooking the final work of baking, roasting, French frying or freezing.

A large number of gifts were distributed yesterday to members of the audience and the same presentations—chiefly of nationally advertised foods—will be made at the close of the screen feature this afternoon and Friday afternoon. Each of the gifts are most acceptable on kitchen shelves and add to the whole family's pleasure. And free recipe sheets are distributed to all.

Perhaps the most outstanding parts of "The Bride Wakes Up" are the pictures in beautiful Technicolor of each delicious dish as it is completed. These are shown with such realism that they drew hungry "ohs" and "ahs" from the audience yesterday. And several stray husbands who were present audibly demanded: "When do we eat?"

Demonstrates Equipment Not only does this motion picture Cooking School show new dishes, styles and interesting ways to serve every-day (Continued on Page 4-A)

### Woman Burned In Home Blast

First degree burns about her hands, arms, legs and neck were suffered by Mrs. Florence Christopher yesterday shortly after noon when a cleaning solution in which she was washing clothes in a washing machine blew up at her home, 1411 Cedar avenue. She was treated with the Fire department's tannic spray and is now recovering. The fire was confined to the rear of the frame house.

### Three Cities Want Larger Laterals and MWD Reservoir

Torrance, Long Beach and Compton want larger lateral lines to carry Metropolitan Water District Colorado river water to their residents and also insist on the construction of a reserve reservoir to create ample pressure without cost of pumping in the Palos Verdes hills above Lomita.

This was the consensus of the meeting of those cities' M.W.D. directors and engineers with engineers for the Water District, C. E. Rippey, Torrance director, told the city council Tuesday night. However, the city of Los Angeles is expected to oppose the larger laterals and the reservoir on account of the additional cost their installation would mean to the M.W.D.

"But we believe our cities are entitled to the same consideration as enjoyed by Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, who have obtained larger laterals than were originally planned," Rippey said. "Besides, engineers for the M.W.D. approve the larger-sized laterals and the reservoir."

## Roamer Sets Bed Afire in Local Hotel

Smoke billowed thru the third floor of the Erwin Hotel on El Prado, hundreds of spectators gathered as the fire department staged the short run to the scene and a room was badly damaged Monday afternoon. Perry Hinds, local cater-waiter, had fallen asleep while smoking in bed.

Aroused by the burning bed-clothing, Hinds leaped from his fiery couch, ran down the corridor yelling "fire!" and promptly disappeared. The flames were confined to the one room and although the furnishings were badly burned, the blaze did not spread to the rest of the hotel.

## Oil Activity On Narbonne

Narbonne avenue in Torrance between 230th and 233rd streets is the scene of considerable oil activity now as four or five outfits are rigging old wells there preparatory to deepening to the 5,000-foot mark and the newly discovered rich oil zone. Boilers are being set up, new derricks rising and old ones being repaired and re-rigged while scores of trucks and hundreds of workers nose around the scene of operations.

The Emerald Oil company of Frank Kelly and Fred O'Brien is preparing to deepen its hole at 233rd and Narbonne. The bore, now at about 3,700 feet is going down 1,200 or 1,500 feet more. Neil H. Anderson, one of the most prominent figures in the industry and former state oil umpire, is rigging at 231st and Narbonne and also on Sepulveda just off that Torrance-Lomita artery.

"Curley" Brumby has a crew working on a well immediately in the rear of Jack Barrington's welding shop and Albertson is drilling deeper at 233rd and Eshelman, a well which formerly was partly owned by a brother of famed adventure novelist Zane Grey. M. C. Fisher is reported drilling two holes to the deeper sands for Kenneth Day on Eshelman in the same vicinity.

### WATER DAMPENS OIL ENTHUSIASTS

Reclamation this week of C. M. O. No. 33 for 2,000 barrels of water with a trace of oil somewhat dampened enthusiasm of deep-drilling campaigners in the south Torrance field. If water shut-off cannot be obtained, C. C. M. O. will make another deep production attempt in an offset, it is reported. No. 33 is at 4,925 feet. Jameson Oil is spudding in a deepening job in Washburn No. 1.

### Hospital Now Typing Station

All necessary material and equipment to type pneumonia-suffering patients for any one of the 38 different pneumococcus germs has been received by Torrance Memorial hospital from the famed Lederle Laboratories of New York. The local hospital is also equipped to provide electro-cardiographs, it was announced this week.

Pneumonia typing is regarded as a prime essential in the medical fraternity and early typing to determine what kind of serum should be used, is vital to treatment of the disease.

### ENTERTAINS GROUP

New officers of the Woman's Benefit association were entertained Tuesday by Mrs. Hattie Schugg, Moneta musician, at her home.

## MIDWAY SITE IN FAVOR AS EXPO CHOICE

Indicating that the Los Angeles Committee of 15 is favorably considering the location of the 1947 Trade Exposition at the nearby Figueroa-Vermont-Normandie-Midway site, blank option forms have been received and request has been made of L. J. Gilmeister, DeKaib Spur-in and Dale Clanton to secure options at once on the 300-acre area. They are members of the committee which formally presented the site to the Los Angeles group for consideration as exposition grounds.

Previous options made out to the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce have expired and the new ones to be obtained are on specially printed forms and in favor of the Water and Power Department of the city of Los Angeles.

They are for a period of six months and are to be secured for the express purpose of the Trade exposition in the event that this site is chosen either by the Committee of 15 or by special election. It is understood unofficially that the choice has narrowed down from 20 to four or five, one of which is the Midway site on the edge of Torrance.

## President's Ball Ducats, Buttons On Sale Here

Two features of the nationwide annual President's Birthday Ball, which will be held in Torrance at the Hollywood Riviera club house Jan. 29, are being stressed locally by James Rahl, chairman of the benefit festivities for the 20-30 club. These are: the sale of tickets at \$1 per couple for the Ball itself and the plan to have local Boy Scouts undertake the city-wide sale of "Fight Infantile Paralysis" buttons during the week of the dance at 10 cents each.

Seventy percent of the dance receipts will remain in this area to provide funds for the treatment of those who are now suffering or who may contract infantile paralysis. The remaining 30 percent and all proceeds from the sale of the buttons will be sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is functioning on a nationwide scale to combat the disease.

"Last year the entire state of California contributed less than \$15,000 to the national fund, I have learned," Rahl said this week, "and received back more than \$75,000 in cash grants or benefits. Most of this sum included a grant to our own universities for bacteriological research aimed at isolating the infantile paralysis virus and discovering a means of checking its terrible toll of life."

President Roosevelt has dedicated the National Foundation as an occasion on which to raise funds for fighting the dreaded scourge with which he has been afflicted since 1921. That the residents of Torrance and vicinity will express their whole-hearted approval of this method of wiping out the disease by a record sale of tickets was indicated this week by scores of requests for the tickets. The tickets are now on sale and may be obtained from members of the sponsoring 20-30 club.

### 4 Appointments to City Boards

Three new appointments and one re-appointment to two municipal boards were made by the city council Tuesday night. George Probert's term on the Civil Service board had expired and Alden W. Smith had resigned. In their places were appointed Robert B. Roberts, technician for Drs. J. S. Lancaster and John W. Beaman, who worked with the Civil Service board at its last examination, and B. D. Bunge, manager of the Edison company's Western avenue plant. Roberts will serve a three-year term, Bunge a one-year assignment.

Scott R. Ludlow and William T. Klusman's terms on the Library board have expired, Mayor William A. Tolson announced. Ludlow was reappointed for two years and Councilman Tom McGuire was named to succeed Klusman (over his negative vote) for two years.

# G. P. EXPANSION ADVANCES '38 BUILDING TO \$1,744,400

## Harbor Chambers Meet Here Tonite

Nearly 200 civic leaders from all communities in this southwestern part of Los Angeles county are expected to attend the annual installation dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at 6:30 in the Civic Auditorium. Torrance city and Chamber of Commerce officials will again play host to the district organization as it starts a new year of activity under the direction of President-Elect Irving P. Austin, Comptroller and Dale Clanton, vice-president.

The retiring president, Loren Howe, will be inducted as treasurer by the installing officer, W. S. Rosecrans, president of the Los Angeles Chamber. The main address of the evening will be on "American Business" by W. C. Mullenadore, executive vice-president of the Southern California Edison company.

In charge of the fourth dinner to be served in the Civic Auditorium will be the Torrance Woman's club. Other officers to be installed during the program are W. E. Bowen of this city, E. C. Power, North Long Beach; Fred Pym, Bell; Ernest Geach, Inglewood; and Louis Hamilton, Huntington Park, vice-presidents, and W. J. Crook, secretary.

After the singing of the national anthem by the audience and the invocation by Rev. F. T. Porter, pastor of the First Christian church, the program will continue with piano selections by Mme. Teala Billini; some rapid-fire sleight-of-hand work by Rev. Porter; Mayor W. H. Tolson's welcoming address and the response by Mayor Colfax Bell of Redondo Beach.

### Tax Collection On Par With Last Year's

Lag of less than three-fourths of one percent exists now between the sum total of first-half tax collections for this fiscal year as compared with the percentage collected last year, County Tax Collector H. L. Byram stated this week.

Actual money collected this year is nearly \$6,000,000 more than a year ago, however. This year 56.72 percent has been collected, as compared with 57.44 percent a year ago.

In actual money however \$66,129,066 has been paid in this year, as compared with only \$60,239,003 last year. This year's tax bill is some \$116,000,000, as compared with only \$104,000,000 last year.

### PAPERS CAUSE FIRE

Some papers piled too near a stove caused a small blaze yesterday afternoon at house No. 17 of the El Prado Courts, acquired by the R. L. Todds. Only slight damage was caused by the fire which was out by the time the fire department arrived.

### City Council-Grams

Tuesday night the city council met in regular session and transacted the following business:

INVITATION . . . from the American Legion post to city officials for the dinner-meeting to be held Jan. 18, was read and several indicated they would attend.

FRANCHISE . . . payment of \$411 for the use of 6,777 feet of oil pipeline (at the rate of \$1 per rod) was made by the Richardson Oil company. The Union Oil company reported no pipeline laid in this city during the past year.

APPROPRIATION . . . of \$1,800 to the Chamber of Commerce for the current quarter, which ends March 31, was voted following receipt of a request for this sum and a report on the chamber's activities during the past quarter.

CONCERTS . . . to be given by the Torrance Symphony and Grand Opera association starting Feb. 18 and continuing to June 10, five in all, will be presented in the Civic Auditorium. Use of that building without charge was granted following application by Mrs. Esther Mer-shon, officer of the association. "Educational entertainment" will be the aim of the Symphony, she said, and an opera is to be given during the 1938 season.

PURCHASES . . . of 700 feet of four-inch cast iron pipe and fittings to service the high school and "eliminate deadends" of the municipal water system

## TWO HEARINGS New Refinery to Cost \$1,300,000

Five building permits issued to the General Petroleum corporation here on Monday totalled more than the entire Torrance construction total in 1937.

Installation of a new refinery, 13 huge oil tanks and other equipment by the major oil firm will cost in excess of \$1,732,000, according to the applications filed with City Engineer Frank R. Leonard.

Structural activity in the whole city last year amounted to \$1,066,057.

The General Petroleum announcement of its largest expansion program to date, followed the granting of other smaller building permits during the past week which totaled \$12,000.

### INSTALLER

Items of Construction In a single application the oil corporation announced the construction of a refinery unit costing \$1,300,000. This part of the huge building program includes the erection of three 80,000-barrel oil tanks, located northwest of the main existing buildings on the G. P. "tank farm" off Crenshaw (formerly known as Cedar) avenue.

Two 5,400-barrel oil tanks, a viscosity breaker consisting of cooling tower, bubble tower and tanks, control house, heater stack, heater, heat exchanger, pumps and appurtenances, to be located northeast of the main plant, comprise the largest building permit of the five issued to the makers of Mobiloil and Mobilgas here.

Next, in cost, came the permits for three 80,000-barrel oil tanks, and one 30,000-gallon tank costing \$150,000, to be erected northwest of the plant's waste water separator and sump. Another \$150,000 permit was granted for a concrete water storage tank and pump, to be placed southwest of the main building, a water well and tank, boilers, salt shed extension to the present change room and a new switch house.

Has Huge Valuation At a cost of \$72,000 the G. P. will locate two 30,000-barrel oil tanks, southwest of the main plant. The fifth permit was for \$60,000, the cost of erecting two more 30,000-barrel tanks and an extension for a cooling tower. These tanks are to go in northwest of the main plant.

Also reports have been current here for some time that the oil firm was contemplating additional facilities at its Torrance location, the size of the undertaking was unknown until R. I. Plomert, Jr., appeared at Engineer Leonard's office and filed for the building permits.

When completed, the expanded General Petroleum plant will reach a valuation of nearly a billion dollars, it was reported.

Enlarge Fur Farm Other permits issued during the past week—which brought the total for the first 13 days (Continued on Page 3-A)

### STEEL SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN

Indications of further increased activity in the steel industry were seen this week by the magazine Steel, following a moderate upturn in the industry last week. Production in the nation's steel plants this week were working at 26 percent of capacity, a gain of five points over the previous week, and now equal to that of Dec. 15.

Steel ingot production for December was given as 1,472,000 tons, which was 32 percent lower than November, and the lowest in 39 months, the magazine said. Total output of pig iron for 1937 was the highest for any year since 1929, with a total production of 1,508,000 tons. In 1929, 42,270,000 tons were produced.

The American Iron and Steel Institute estimated that operations of the industry were 27.8 percent of capacity last week, or slightly higher than the magazine Steel reported. One year ago plants were operating at 78.8 percent of capacity, and last December operations were at 27.4 percent of capacity. This would indicate a gain of but two-tenths of one percent for last week.

### Laundry Worker Hurt in Crash

Mrs. Nellie Towne, laundry worker who resides at 2216 Maricopa, was injured early Wednesday morning, when she was involved in an auto collision at Sartori and El Prado with a Paekard driven west on El Prado by Mrs. Teresa Hill, 9407 South Vermont. Witnesses informed police officers that Mrs. Towne, who was driving south on Sartori enroute to work, was going at a high rate of speed. Her Ford was reported badly damaged.

### RESERVE AUD

The Civic Auditorium has been reserved by the high school for the Winter baccalaureate service, Sunday night, Jan. 30, and the graduation of the Winter class of '38 the following Thursday, Feb. 3.

### Western Ave. Tree Shearing Brings Demand for Beautifying

During the past week The Herald received a number of comments from local residents approving its description of the whacked down eucalyptus trees bordering the Western avenue-El Prado entrance to the city—"a shell-torn street in China."

Tuesday night at city council meeting that descriptive phrase was repeated as Councilman James E. Fitchcock moved that the city engineer and street superintendent be authorized to "investigate Western avenue relative to beautifying that entrance to the city with shrubs, trees and flowers and report at the next meeting."

His motion carried without a dissenting vote and with the obvious hearty approval of all council members. Mayor William H. Tolson, who had suggested this improvement as one of the city's prime objectives for 1938, as last year came to a close, declared that this project should be carried thru without delay in order that the northern entrance may finally be transformed from its "mere road" status into a colorful drive into the city.

### 1934 Letter Finally Delivered

SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)—A letter mailed August 20, 1934, at Crane, Ore., has been delivered to Jean Hanover of Salem.

### Legion Posts to Hold Joint Meet

A 6:30 stag dinner will be served at the American Legion clubhouse preceding initiation of new members of the Torrance and Hawthorne posts next Tuesday evening, Jan. 18. The local post is inviting a number of guests to attend and a 19th district initiation team will stage the ceremonies, according to Commander Grant Barkdull. The principal speaker will be the veteran Assemblyman from the 68th district, James Boyle.

### W. S. ROSECRANS

Who will install new officers of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce here tonight, was elected president of the Los Angeles chamber yesterday without contest. He is the grandson of Major General William Starke Rosecrans, commander of the Army of the Cumberland during the Civil War, minister to Mexico, and one of the original incorporators of the Southern Pacific railroad.

### Torrance Bank Earns 11 Percent Profits In 1937

Torrance National Bank made a profit of \$7,643.94 for the year 1937, it was reported by James W. Post, president, at the annual meeting of stockholders held Tuesday afternoon. After deducting \$1,350.16 in dividends on preferred stock, a balance of \$6,293.78 remains available for common stockholders. This is equivalent to 11 1/2 percent profit on the present issue of \$55,000 in common stock or a little over 12 1/2 percent on the original \$50,000 in common stock, Post explained.

In commenting further upon the sound condition of the local bank's finances and its earnings Post stated that after deducting all expenses, losses on loans, retirement of \$6,000 of preferred stock, payment of dividends on preferred stock and setting aside a reserve for contingencies, there still remains \$14,580.50 in undivided profits earned since the bank was organized in 1934.

"The officers and directors are most happy to report this favorable condition to the stockholders and wish to again express their appreciation for the loyal support of the bank's many depositors and friends who have made this highly satisfactory record possible," said Post.

At the meeting of stockholders Tuesday, the following directors were re-elected: Chas. E. Connor, Carl S. Wampler, C. T. Rippey, J. S. Lancaster and James W. West.

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